

Block II**Grant # 070052: 2007 Pioneer-Volcano Planning Unit, Community Conservation Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP)**

Applicant: Amador Fire Safe Council

Grant Category: SOG 3

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Purpose: The development and completion of a Community Conservation Wildfire Protection Plan (**CCWPP**) is vital for the preplanning, prioritization and a continued reference guide from which conservation principles can be considered when approaching any of the project areas listed within such as; Fuel Reduction-Watershed Protection Projects, Fire-Watershed Protection Outreach Education, Public Resources Code 4290 Inspections, Defensible Space Planning, Monitoring of Projects, Designating Appropriate Research Projects, and Collaboration and Coordination among; Protection, Environmental, Cultural Agencies, Conservation Organizations, Forest & Conservation Industry, User Groups and Concerned Citizens.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends authorization of this grant as proposed at the recommended funding level of \$50,000.

Letters of Support:

California Fire Safe Council Inc. Board of Directors

CEQA: The proposal is not defined as a project according to CEQA.

Project Description Summary from Grant Application:

The Amador Fire Safe Council prepared a generic county-wide wildfire protection plan (CWPP), which was approved by CDF, Amador County and local fire agencies in 2006. This CWPP is divided into nine planning units, but the prescriptions are generic in nature. Amador County's terrain varies from rolling grasslands in the west to heavily populated foothills in the central and eastern portions of the county. This planning area has one of the highest population bases in the county, and is also the highest condition class and fire regime. While the generic plan identifies numerous potential projects to mitigate the threat of damaging wildfire, it does not contain area-specific solutions designed with broad local stakeholder input.

It has always been the intent of the Amador Fire Safe Council to develop a specific CWPP for each of the 9 planning units. The relative wildfire risk of each unit has been assessed and the units ranked in order of risk. This grant creates a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Pioneer/Volcano Planning unit, an area abutting undeveloped wildlands to the east and representing the most at-risk planning unit in the generic

CWPP. In addition, the eastern portion of the county, in the wildland-urban interface, sees heavy recreational use by thousands of visitors each year.

By involving the community in this project, we will affect community acceptance of the plan. We will prioritize projects for the area and be able to reduce the size and intensity of wildfires originating within undeveloped areas, reduce damage to at-risk communities, and protect undeveloped areas from fires originating from adjoining communities and adjoining state and Federal lands.